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The Honorable Richard M. Berman
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

**Re: United States v. John Dupont
19 CR. 444 (RMB)**

Dear Judge Berman:

I write to request that Mr. Dupont's appearance be waived for the status conference on February 3, 2020. Mr. Dupont continues to receive treatment and undergo testing at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. He has been hospitalized at Kingsbrook since November 21, 2019. As Mr. Dupont is frail and a fall risk, he is not currently in a position to safely leave the hospital and attend Court. I have consulted with the Government about this request. At this time, they do not take a position on this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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